

THE DAILY NEWS.

The Voice of Grief.

O rugged, tollsome path of thorns and briars,
Of weary, bleeding feet—
Peopled with shadows of unrequited desires,
And pleasures incomplete!
Land of unending sorrow for the dead,
And bitterness of life,
Where noble lives by cruel hands are shed,
To the world of the living—
Where pain eternal, like the Alpine snow,
Crowned above men and kings,
Broods dark as night, and from her bosom throws
Her arrows and her stings!
Shall the best breath of summer sweep the earth,
And make it smile with flowers?
Yet leave to man the cruel death
Of ever-withering powers?
Behold how sorrow wanders through the world,
Weepest and weeps for blood,
And charity upon the streets is hurled,
Crying alone for aid!
The voice of grief pierces the Silent Land,
Where victory is won—
Is there no haven for the wanderer's strand,
No joy beyond the sun?

AFFAIRS IN THE STATE.

Fairfield.

The Winnsboro News announces the death of Colonel James N. Shedd, aged 48, and Mr. Wm. E. Murphy, aged 23, both well-known citizens of Fairfield County.

The Bennettsville Journal gives result of township officers as heard from to date: Hebron Township—Selectmen—Frank Manning, T. Covington, William M. Kristow, Surveyor—John C. Woodley, W. B. Alfred, Clerk—L. M. Hamer, Moderator—D. L. McLeod, Red Hill Township—Selectmen—J. A. Driskin, Z. A. Driskin, Moderator—C. H. Colored, Surveyor—John W. McLeod, Clerk—Richard Johnson, colored, Constable—Dudley Johnson, colored. The officers for the Bennettsville Township are equally divided—the three colored men being Radicals. The returns from the other townships have not been received, but we are informed that nearly all have elected the Democratic ticket.

York.

Mrs. E. E. Alexander has been re-appointed by the Postmaster-General as postmaster at Yorkville. This is gratifying, as there is no postoffice in the State where the business is more correctly done, or more accommodation extended to the public.

The following is the result of an election held on Friday last for officers of York Township: W. B. Metts, Samuel Smith, W. A. Moore, Selectmen; James H. Foyaux, Clerk; Benj. P. Ford, Joseph Henderson, W. B. Alfred, J. M. Kerr, Surveyors of York; W. A. Smith, Constable.

The Yorkville Enquirer says: "Farming operations are much more forward in this section than usual. Oats is the only crop, so far as we can learn, that is looking backward, and there is yet ample time for it to come in. Wheat has generally a fine and flourishing appearance. A large proportion of the corn crop has been planted, and the stand reported is very fair. Our farmers are generally satisfied with their cotton, and it is beginning to come up very well, though it is too soon yet to speak confidently as to the stand obtained."

Mr. William Lewis died at his residence near Sumter, on Thursday last, in the seventy-second year of his age. At the period of his death Mr. Lewis was the incumbent of the office of Judge of Probate for Sumter County.

The Watchman gives us the following statistics of the assessed value of the real and personal property in Sumter County:

Of arable or plowable land, 10,000 acres, returned an aggregate of \$6,044,000, valued at \$488,228; of meadow or pasture lands, 10,855 acres, valued at \$89,016, and of wood, unutilized and marsh lands, 38,080 acres, valued at \$1,038,239—total of land, \$1,545,483. And to this buildings and real estate in town and village, and we have a total of taxable real estate in the county amounting to \$2,225,000.

Of personal property the returns, and value are as follows: Horses, 1195, value \$106,591; cattle, 6371, value \$58,763; mules, 1223, value \$10,735; sheep and goats, 12,000, value \$1,000; hogs, 10,352, value \$88,907; gold and silver watches, 32, value \$33,976; piano fortes, melodeons, 100, value \$16,340; pleasure carriages, 328, value \$12,000; other vehicles, \$6500; merchants' stock, \$133,924; manufacturers' stock, \$30,603; money on hand, \$26,099; credits \$93,581; debts, with stocks, bonds, leases, mortgages, other property, value of total personal property, amounting to \$387,384.

The addition of the two gives us a grand total value of all taxable property in Sumter County, amounting to \$3,232,671.

THE RICE TIERCE QUESTION AGAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS.

Charleston and Savannah have been commercial centers for the sale of the rice crops of South Carolina and Georgia for at least a century. Both these cities have drawn a handsome support from the rice growers of the two States, and many factors have grown rich upon incomes derived almost exclusively from this source. As business centres their established local usages have hitherto governed entirely in the sale of this grain. These usages, however, have been in violation of the laws of the United States, and the influence of common law. They have been considered the *de facto* law, and as such, have exercised the force of law. The rice growers, and merchants and factors have conformed thereto without reference to the local customs of other cities or large commercial centres, and as they have conformed to the law, they are not liable for any penalty, and are not differing in Charleston from those of New York, Boston or New Orleans.

It has but recently been discovered that a charge for the rice tierce is a tax, and is prejudicial to the commerce of Charleston. Strangely that a custom which has obtained for one hundred years should just at this particular time prove a log to the commerce of Charleston. More strange that the rice buyers should now find it necessary to combine together and positively refuse to purchase if their demands are not complied with, viz: if the factor declines to give them the tierces in which the rice is sold. Each tierce costs the planter \$1.50, which must be given away to secure a purchaser of his rice; for the buyers are committed as a league to stand by this strike against the planter. The factor, as agent, has either to succumb or ship under instructions to another market. No matter at what cost to the poor struggling planter, the commerce of Charleston requires the fostering care of a newly fledged Board of Trade, which it would seem ready to do, and the very life blood of the rice grower, but is blind to the discrepancy in the rates of commissions in Charleston as compared with those of Northern and Western cities. There was a time when this strike of the rice buyers would have been met unflinchingly by the planters themselves, and their duty would scarcely have hesitated as to their duty, selling solely as agents in the premises.

Formerly, with a crop of thousands of tierces from one particular section or neighborhood in the hands of the grower, the rice buyers, and among the buyers could not possibly have been effected. They know full well that it would have driven nearly every tierce from Charleston to other markets, and the interests of the city would have been compromised by such action. But now that the planter is not living, but barely breathing, lying prostrate and defenceless, and the option of selling in the rough, and the millers who do make a profit on their barrels could very well afford to lose something for a monopoly in ponding.

But, be this as it may, it is pretty well established that, with present indolence to factors in Charleston, the growing crop cannot very well be shipped to other markets, and is liable, and the new system fairly inaugurated, no reason is likely to benefit the planter. The Chamber of Commerce have taken the buyers upon their shoulders, and thus in united effort, no reason is likely to benefit the planter. The Chamber of Commerce have taken the buyers upon their shoulders, and thus in united effort, no reason is likely to benefit the planter.

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tions propounded with great deference and respect for the intelligence and personal character of those thus prominent in the community of the City of Charleston. The first chief reason given for the proposed change (in a former issue of the News) was the fact that New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago and all other large business centres do not charge a tierce for rice, and that Charleston is the chief centre for rice, and so far as this article is concerned, usages established for sales in her market are just as binding as the usages of other business centres with other marketable products. For a century the charges for the tierces have been satisfied. If she is to be controlled by the usages of other cities in this particular, why not in all others? Let there be a general understanding and concurrence between all the tiers of Trade and Commerce. Let there be no local, but one general law of trade. Let the tierce be uniform—either ten per cent, or the actual weight of each sample barrel; the commissions for buying and selling in Charleston is just what they are in New York and Boston, and see that New Orleans and Baltimore correspond. As I said before sweep clean. It is agreed by the buyers to abate the draft of four pounds to the tierce. This should have been done long ago. It is but right and just, but it is a small matter compared with the tierce. It is to be understood that when, when but a year ago that same Chamber of Commerce sustained the allowance against a planter who demanded, on the ground that it was an old and established custom, which they could see no good reason for abolishing. Gentlemen may undertake to direct trade so far as the tierce is concerned, but the commercial interests of Charleston. In doing so I simply beg to remind them that if the planting interests fail, the commercial prosperity of Charleston will be ruined. The tierce is a measure as always to be avoided if possible; and with no threatening spirit do I make this demand on behalf of the planter. But if the Northern and Western millers will not readily move to the planter for his crop, I speak advisedly when I say that there are some who will seek those markets without the aid or advice of a Charleston factor.

TIDE-WATER.

A FAMOUS PULL OF THE NOSE.

Death of a Remarkable Man—Fifty Years of Persecution—Life of One of the Virginia Randolphs—His Pulls General Jackson's Nose—Why the Nose was Pulled.

Two hundred and fifty-six years ago this month, Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan, was married to John Rolfe, at Jamestown, Va. She died in England in March, four years after her marriage, leaving one son, who returned to Virginia to reside, and there left descendants, among whom was John Randolph, of Roanoke. Robert B. Randolph, cousin of John, died at his residence on the corner of Fourth and A streets, Washington, on the morning of the 20th inst., at the age of 78. He was the man who *tweaked the nose* of Andrew Jackson, Old Hickory being then President of the United States.

The pulling took place in the cabin of a steamer which stopped at Alexandria, on its passage down the river. Randolph went aboard, marched up to Jackson, who supposed he was being pulled by a friend of the thing was done. Randolph got beyond the jurisdiction of the police before a process could be issued, and escaped arrest. The scene when Jackson was pulled, and the pulling was described by those who saw it as one of the most remarkable of the city of the District of Columbia was in a room over the indignity, and the whole country, in fact, was for a time in a ferment, the triumph party feeling that it was a great victory, and the other party feeling that it was a great indignity. The Randolphs have been twisted by this audacious descendant of Pocahontas. General Van Ness, Mayor of Washington, sent a solemn message to the Council on the event, and the Board responded in a solemn resolution of condolence and indignation.

No wonder that Randolph had to dodge from one place to another, and that he was finally, it is reported that an officer now living, was authorized to inform Randolph that if he would apologize for his insult to the President, he would be released. This Randolph declined to do until the President had first apologized. It is hardly necessary to say that the Randolphs have been twisted by this audacious descendant of Pocahontas. General Van Ness, Mayor of Washington, sent a solemn message to the Council on the event, and the Board responded in a solemn resolution of condolence and indignation.

John B. Floyd, then Secretary of War, gave Randolph the position of Superintendent of the Armory in Washington, but he only held the place a short time. As Buchanan's attitude of the appointment, ordered it to be revoked for reasons best known to himself. Randolph was this: Some few years ago, it will be remembered, a person named Bougainville eloped from New York with the property of his wife, who was a daughter of a recently married; the forsaken wife was once the wife of General Eaton, Secretary of War to General Jackson; and prior to that the wife of John B. Floyd, who died a year before the United States navy. On the death of Timberlake, Randolph, who was then a lieutenant in the navy, was appointed to act temporarily as his place. He found his accounts in a mixed condition and a deficiency existing against him. 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